

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1 - 16 and 18 - 38 is acknowledged.

By the present amendment, claims 1, 4 and 16, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and claims 5 and 7 have been amended to depend from claim 2, such that all claims remaining in this application should be in condition for allowance and issuance of an action of a favorable nature is courteously solicited.

Also submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement and consideration of the documents is requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that all claims present in this application should now be in condition for allowance and issuance of an action of favorable nature is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 501.43529X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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